

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Applicant: Laurent MEIJER *et al.*  
Title: MEANS FOR INDUCING DIFFERENTIATION OF SUPERNUMERARY HAIR CELLS AND  
DEITER'S CELLS IN THE DEVELOPING ORGAN OF CORTI  
Appl. No.: 10/539,407  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

The extension fee for response within the second month is \$460.00.

The above-identified fees of \$460.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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